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RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Communication mailed March 08, 2005, and to supplement Applicants' response of October 27, 2004, which was in response to the non-final Office Action on the merits mailed May 27, 2004, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response to the Office Communication was initially due April 08, 2005. Applicants herein submit a petition for a two month extension of time to June 08, 2005, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, with the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal letter, postcard;
- Copy of Applicants' response of October 27, 2004.